

SENATE RESOLUTION 197
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Frank Glenmore Downs
of Cheatham County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Frank Glenmore Downs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Downs was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Lexington, Mississippi, on January 6, 1941, he and his family lived in numerous locations, including Germany, during his youth because his father was a career military man; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from high school in Lexington, Mississippi, and, like his siblings, moved to another city to maximize his potential; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Downs met his beloved Lucille while working at *The Leaf Chronicle* in Clarksville and was joined with her in holy matrimony on December 17, 1966; in 1968, he graduated from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Downs served with acumen and alacrity as a Systems Analyst for Peregrine, in which position he earned much respect and admiration from his colleagues for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an active and invaluable member of his community, he served on the School Board for seven years; was instrumental in establishing Emergency 911 service in Cheatham County; worked with the Special Olympics; was a member of the Cheatham County Health Council; and formed the Cheatham County Drug-Free Alliance, which consists of P.R.I.D.E. teams at Cheatham County High School and Harpeth High School, Youth Power at Sycamore Middle School, Cheatham Middle School, and Harpeth Middle School, and the Cheatham County Clown Troope; and

WHEREAS, he was an avid and talented runner who had participated in the State Park Running Tour for fifteen years, seven marathons, and numerous half marathons; also a sprinter, he ran the 100, 200, 400, and 800-meter events at the National Senior Games and was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch for a segment of its passage through Nashville in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Downs was a devout Christian and an active member of Ashland City United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of many committees and as a Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, also deeply devoted to his family, he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Downs enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-seven years, Lucille, and was the devoted father of Dana (Lee) Farmer and Michele (Dan) Duval and the proud grandfather of Catherine, Matthew, Megan, Gabriel, Tasha, Corey, and Alex; and

WHEREAS, he will also be missed dearly by his sister, Katherine John Viita; brothers and sisters-in-law, Lon (Runez) Downs, John (Mary Nell) Downs, and Edward (Judy) Downs; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Downs leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Frank Glenmore Downs, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Downs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.